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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASFORD

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
including a Report by the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
1969

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BASTORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report 1969

Health Department,
Rock House,
Stockhill Lane,
Basford,
Nottingham.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the Council

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report for 1969.

The statistics for the district compare favourably with those for England and Wales. The general trend of the Infant Mortality Rate is satisfactory, though it is higher this year than last. Of the 25 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 21 took place at ages under one week.

The illegitimate births were 6% of the total births in the district compared with a national average of 8%.

Of the 690 deaths, 9% occurred at ages below 45 years, 8% in the age group 45-54, 17% in the 55-64 age group, 27% in the 65-74 age group, and 39% at age 75 years and over.

It is noteworthy that the downward trend in the Birth Rate has been continued during the year. Nevertheless the excess of births over deaths was higher this year at 522, and the estimated total population increased by 1,300 to 70,070 - the first time the population of the Rural District has been over 70,000. It is interesting to note the way in which the population has increased over the last 20 years:- 1949 - 48,700, 1959 - 56,480 and 1969 - 70,070.

Of 250 notifications of infectious diseases received, 172 related to Measles.

During the year, the campaign for immunisation against Measles was interrupted by the withdrawal of one of the manufacturer's vaccines and a consequent shortage thereafter. At the time of writing, supplies of Measles vaccine are readily available. Naturally acquired Measles can be a severe disease with the possibility of respiratory, neurological and other complications, some of which may cause permanent damage throughout the remainder of life. By contrast, Measles vaccination is safe and usually devoid of reactions. When they do occur, they resemble a modified and slight attack of Measles lasting 24 hours or so without the risk of complications and permanent damage. Parents are, therefore, recommended to have their children vaccinated against Measles in infancy.

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All the recommended immunisations of infancy are readily available through the general practitioner service or at the local clinic.

Over the past years the Health Department has initiated a considerable programme of demolition of unfit houses and undoubtedly the worst of these have now been removed. There remain, however, a large number of houses, not unfit at present, but sadly lacking in modern amenities, which, if they are not improved soon will in their turn have to be demolished. Despite repeated publicity about Improvement Grants too few landlords have availed themselves of this financial assistance to improve their tenanted properties.

It should be more readily known, however, that in certain circumstances if the tenant wishes to have a bath, and W.C. and a hot water system put into the house and has not received satisfaction from his landlord, this may be achieved by application to the local authority. Tenants are, therefore, advised to get in touch with the Health Department to find out whether their houses can be compulsorily improved in this way.

This Report has been compiled in accordance with the requirements of the Minister and reflects the work of the Health Department.

May I give my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and to my colleagues in other departments.

W. R. Perry

Medical Officer of Health

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

Time marches on, this report being the fourteenth which I have submitted for your consideration as your Chief Public Health Inspector.

Meat and Food Inspection. As in previous years a 100% meat inspection service has been maintained which has demanded overtime work at evenings and weekends from your Public Health Inspectors. In addition the slaughter of poultry is also supervised.

Housing. The improvement or modernisation of tenanted properties still has not been very successful despite publicity and enhanced grant payments.

The Housing Act, 1969, whilst attempting to improve environment by the provision of improvement areas, seems to lack bite insofar that there are no compulsory powers to secure the necessary improvements after persuasion has failed.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Two prosecutions for using a site for caravans without a site licence resulted in the Mansfield Magistrates fining the defendants £2 each.

Cleansing.

Pollution of the Environment is a great challenge of the future. In the past the return for re-use of many containers was encouraged by a small deposit system. At present it seems that a throw-away society is developing and the non-returnable container, whether it is a paper bag, bottle or can, is becoming the future trend.

The problem of increased bulk refuse disposal and the use of plastic articles which do not break down in a tip, becomes more difficult and costly as tip sites become increasingly difficult to obtain.

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During the year the the South Trent Refuse Teams accepted the new bonus scheme which on first sight seems to be working satisfactorily.

Street sweeping by the Council's staff commenced and providing labour is available should result in cleaner roads throughout the district.

The completion of the Ravenshead sewerage scheme has now made complaints of overflowing cesspools in that area a complaint of the past. It is hoped that outstanding similar schemes in other parishes may now be authorised.

In conclusion I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members for their continued support and to the staff of the Department my appreciation of their loyalty and enthusiasm.

C. R. Langdon

Chief Public Health Inspector

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (acres)	68,977
Population (Census 1961)	60,225
Estimated Number of inhabited houses	24,010
Rateable Value (31st March 1969)	£2,480,026
Product of Penny rate (31st March 1969)	

VITAL STATISTICS

		Basford Area			England and Wales
		Males	Females	Total	Total
Estimated mid-year home population		-	-	70,070	48,826,800
Live Births	Total	643	569	1,212	797,542
	Legitimate	605	535	1,140	730,500
	Illegitimate	38	34	72	67,042
Stillbirths	Total	2	7	9	10,662
	Legitimate	2	7	9	9,555
	Illegitimate				1,107
Total live and still births	Total	645	576	1,221	808,204
	Legitimate	607	542	1,149	740,055
	Illegitimate	38	34	72	68,149
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	Total	16	9	25	14,397
	Legitimate	16	8	24	12,694
	Illegitimate	-	1	1	1,703
Under 4 weeks of age	Total	16	6	22	9,603
	Legitimate	16	5	21	8,494
	Illegitimate	-	1	1	1,109
Under 1 week of age	Total	15	6	21	8,232
	Legitimate	15	5	20	7,266
	Illegitimate		1	1	966
Deaths - all ages		369	321	690	579,463

	Basford Area	England and Wales
Live Birth rates, etc.,		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	17.3	16.3
Area comparability factor	.97	1.00
Local adjusted rate	16.8	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.03	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	6	8
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	7	13
Infant mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	21	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	21	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	14	25
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	18	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	17	10
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	25	23
Death rates, etc., - all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	9.8	11.9
Area comparability factor	1.24	1.00
Local adjusted rate	12.2	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.02	1.00

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SELECTED CAUSES

	<u>Number of Deaths</u>			<u>Annual Death Rate</u> <u>per 1,000</u> <u>population</u>	<u>% of Total</u> <u>Number of</u> <u>Deaths 1969</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Heart Diseases	92	103	195	2.79	28.3
Cancer	90	65	155	2.21	22.5
Bronchitis	24	11	35	0.50	5.1
Violence	21	17	38	0.54	5.5
Pneumonia	23	27	50	0.71	7.2
Tuberculosis	1	-	1	0.014	0.014

Table showing the annual variations of the Birth and Death Rates for the Basford District and the comparative rates for England and Wales:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>		<u>Death Rate</u>		<u>Infant Mort Rate</u>	
	<u>Basford</u>	<u>E & W</u>	<u>Basford</u>	<u>E & W</u>	<u>Basford</u>	<u>E & W</u>
1960	17.41	17.1	9.86	11.5	19.96	21.7
1961	18.47	17.4	9.48	12.0	17.14	21.4
1962	18.44	18.0	9.78	11.9	16.70	21.8
1963	18.69	18.2	9.14	12.2	17.95	20.9
1964	18.44	18.4	9.14	11.3	16.06	20.0
Five year average	18.29	17.8	9.48	11.8	17.56	21.2
1965	17.71	18.0	9.50	11.5	25.84	19.0
1966	17.30	17.9	11.8	11.7	11.41	18.9
1967	17.80	17.2	11.0	11.2	22.50	18.3
1968	16.90	16.9	11.9	11.9	16.00	18.0
1969	16.80	16.3	12.2	11.9	21.0	18.0
Five year average	17.30	17.3	11.3	11.6	19.4	18.4

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

AMBULANCE SERVICES (National Health Service Act, 1946, Section 27)

The Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for the Ambulance Services for the whole administrative County area. The service is free and all urgent calls for accident, sudden illness or maternity are answered without question. Non-urgent calls, such as for routine hospital attendance, are only accepted if supported by a recommendation from a doctor, nurse, midwife, dentist or other responsible person.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE (National Health Service Act, 1946, Section 28)

Facilities are provided by the Nottinghamshire County Council, as the Local Health Authority under Part III of the Act, for the prevention of illness, care and after-care.

HOME HELP SERVICE (National Health Service Act, 1946, Section 29)

Home helps are provided by the County Council and are available throughout the area where the need arises in a household, owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age.

In maternity cases, a Home Help attends daily for two weeks from the birth of the baby, excluding Saturday afternoon and Sunday and her duties include the ordinary domestic work such as cleaning, cooking, washing, care of children, mending and shopping.

In general cases of ~~sick~~ness, or when assisting in the households of old or infirm people, Home Helps undertake such of these duties as may be necessary. Part-time help can be arranged.

A charge for the service is made, but where the applicant is unable to afford it, the County Council's Scale of Assistance is applied.

The District Office addresses, together with the parishes covered in the Basford Rural District are shown.....

<u>Urban District</u>	<u>District Office</u>	<u>Parishes covered</u>
Arnold and Carlton	Home Help Service, Park House, 61 Burton Road, Carlton. Telephone Nottingham 248540	Burton Joyce Calverton Lambley Stoke Bardolph Woodborough
Beeston & Stapleford	Home Help Service, County Health Clinic, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. Telephone Nottingham 256603	Strelley Trowell
Eastwood & Hucknall	Home Help Service, County Health Clinic Watnall Road, Hucknall. Telephone Hucknall 3596	Awsorth Bestwood Park Brinsley Cossall Greasley Kinberley Linby Nuthall Papplewick
Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield	Home Help Service, County Health Clinic, New Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Telephone, Sutton- in-Ashfield 5136	Annesley Felley Newstead Selston
West Bridgford	Home Help Service, County Hall, Trent Bridge, Nottingham. Telephone Nottingham 83366 ext. 127.	All parishes south of River Trent

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1951

Part VII Establishments for Massage or Special Treatment

Part VII of this Act came into force on the 5th February 1952 in the Basford Rural District and the Powers and duties applicable to this section have been delegated to the Rural District Council of Basford.

There are now no licensed establishments in the Rural District

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Welfare Districts covering the area of the Basford Rural District

Social Welfare Offices

All Parishes North of the River Trent, except as below:-	Halifax House, Station Rd, Hucknall (Telephone No. Hucknall 2093)
Awsorth, Cossall, Kimberley, Nuthall, Strelley and Trowell.	24 Chilwell Road, Beeston (Telephone No. Nottm. 254667)
All Parishes South of the River Trent	9 Musters Road, West Bridgford. (Telephone No. Nottm. 82131)

Homes for the Aged

The National Assistance Act, 1948, places a duty and responsibility on County and County Borough Councils to provide residential accommodation for persons who, by reason of old age, infirmity or other circumstances are in need of care and attention which is not otherwise available to them. For this purpose the Nottinghamshire County Council maintains 24 Homes, all of which are fully occupied.

The Homes are provided for elderly persons of both sexes, including married couples who, on account of advancing years or infirmity, are no longer able to look after themselves in their own homes and have no one able and willing to look after and care for them. They are not intended for sick persons who need constant medical attention or nursing care, but residents suffering from minor ailments are looked after as in ordinary households.

Limited facilities are available for the accommodation for short periods of aged people normally receiving care and attention from relatives to enable such relatives to have a holiday or otherwise to have a short period of relief from their responsibilities.

PREVALENCE OF A CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

GENERAL

The total number of Infectious and Notifiable Diseases notified during the year was 250 as compared with 900, 462, 1,126, 606, 908 and 598 in the six years immediately preceding.

The number of notifications of each disease was as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	43
Whooping Cough	8
Measles	172
Pneumonia	-
Dysentery	16
Erysipelas	-
Food Poisoning	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Tuberculosis (new cases)	8
Meningococcal Infection	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Acute Meningitis	-
Infective Hepatitis	<u>1</u>
	<u>250</u>

71 Visits were made following cases of infectious disease. Specimens were submitted for examination, and houses were disinfected as necessary. In co-operation with the school medical service of the Nottinghamshire County Council contacts of school age were excluded where appropriate.

SMALLPOX

For the thirty-ninth year in succession no case of smallpox occurred in the District. The following table shows the numbers vaccinated by age groups:-

	<u>1968</u>			<u>1969</u>		
	<u>Vacc:</u>	<u>Re-Vacc:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Vacc:</u>	<u>Re-Vacc:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Under 1	4	-	4	-	-	-
1	571	1	572	396	3	399
2 - 4	151	9	160	260	12	272
5 - 15	49	72	121	79	57	136
15 +	3	4	7	20	31	51
	<u>778</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>858</u>

Included in the above figures are 105 persons who were vaccinated or re-vaccinated by private practitioners during 1969.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS
AND MEASLES IS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:-

	Year of Birth		1969		1968		1967		1966		1962/65		Other under 16		TOTAL
	HD	PP	HD	PP	HD	PP	HD	PP	HD	PP	HD	PP	HD	PP	
Triple	6	54	347	279	31	36	2	5	4	21	-	2	-	2	787
	-	-	50	14	21	62	14	17	3	155	-	8	1	8	345
Diphtheria Tetanus	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5
	-	-	-	6	5	16	-	-	515	175	1	45	1	45	763
Diphtheria Booster	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Petanus	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	16	-	64	-	64	84
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	20	-	40	-	40	63
Measles	-	-	78	36	103	75	71	42	76	73	-	2	-	2	556
Sabin	17	42	346	304	16	46	3	9	7	16	1	4	1	4	811
	-	-	3	14	6	57	1	9	574	332	4	61	4	61	1061
Total Diphtheria	6	54	350	279	31	36	2	5	6	21	-	2	-	2	792
	-	-	50	20	26	78	14	17	519	330	2	53	2	53	1109
Total Pertussis	6	54	347	279	31	36	2	5	4	21	-	2	-	2	787
	-	-	50	14	21	62	14	17	3	155	-	8	1	8	345
Total Tetanus	6	54	351	279	32	37	2	6	6	37	-	66	-	66	876
	-	-	50	20	26	78	14	19	519	350	2	93	2	93	1171
Total Polio	17	42	346	304	16	46	3	9	7	16	1	4	1	4	811
	-	-	3	14	6	57	1	9	574	332	4	61	4	61	1061

TUBERCULOSIS

10 new cases of this disease were added to the District Register during the year, as compared with 18, 16, 13, 14 and 14 during the preceding five years.

There were 173 names of persons residing in the District on the Register of Cases on 31st December 1969, as follows:-

Pulmonary Cases

75 males
64 females

Non-Pulmonary Cases

14 males
20 females

BCG VACCINATION OF SCHOOLCHILDREN

Vaccination against Tuberculosis is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health. All schoolchildren of 11 years of age and over are eligible.

The procedure consists of a preliminary skin test to find out those children who would benefit from the protection which B.C.G. vaccination confers. These children are known as the negative reactors to the test. Those who have a positive reaction are not vaccinated, but are referred for a full chest X-ray, and are subsequently kept under review.

The B.C.G. procedure is thus of two-fold value. It enables those who have not been in contact with the tuberculosis germ to be vaccinated and so protected for the future, whereas the children who have already been in contact with the germ can be examined by X-ray and kept under supervision.

The following table summarises the work done:-

<u>School</u>	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Vaccinated</u>	<u>X-ray</u>
Calverton Frank Seely Sec:	140	119	10
East Leake Harry Carlton Sec:	69	65	4
Eastwood Hall Park Sec.Tech.	92	84	6
Eastwood Walker Street	167	144	10
Selston Matthew Holland Sec:	95	77	8
Sutton Fields Special School	11	11	-
Kimberley Secondary School	135	109	19
Ruddington Secondary School	62	53	9
	<u>771</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>66</u>

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS
(Confirmed Cases)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	63	63	60	42	18	9	4	2	1	16
Acute Encephalitis	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	4	-
Food Poisoning	30	10	3	33	46	40	43	3	3	2
Measles	642	965	402	737	325	961	471	839	534	172
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	1	2	4	1	2	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	14	29	6	10	2	4	2	1	1	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia or Fever	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	61	34	14	25	36	87	22	18	23	43
Tuberculosis	26	18	35	17	18	16	13	13	14	8
Whooping Cough	69	29	3	31	11	5	45	30	12	8
 TOTALS	 913	 1154	 528	 900	 462	 1126	 606	 908		

Acute Meningitis	) Not notifiable before 1963	1	-
Infective Hepatitis		5	1
		<u>598</u>	<u>250</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Arrangements for Storage of Household Refuse

Number of houses provided with movable receptacles (dustbins) =
25,000 estimated

Number of houses provided with movable receptacles (wet pails) =
498

Number of houses provided with fixed receptacles (dry ashpits and
Privy middens = 12

Dustbins

The Council sells dustbins to private householders and by the end of the year 322 bins had been sold.

4 Statutory Notices under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75, were served on owners to provide dustbins and all were complied with during the year.

Refuse Collection

This work is carried out by the Council's staff in all parishes in the District. The latest additions to the Council's fleet are fitted with special cabs for the loaders, mechanical and gravity packing for long hauls, and diesel engined for economy. These vehicles are provided with screens and are loaded at the rear to ensure practically dustless filling.

The Council has Depots at Underwood, Kimberley and Ruddington.

Refuse Disposal

During the year, refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping on the undermentioned tips:-

Holme Pierrepont
Adjoining sewage works, Cossall
Rempstone Road, East Leake
Main Road, Jacksdale
Railway Cutting, Watnall

The Council has three tractors which are used solely on the tips for levelling and soiling over.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain new tipping sites.

Details of the Statutory Notices Requested are as follows:-

	<u>Number of Notices</u>
Housing Act, 1957, Section 9 - In respect of general disrepair and sanitary defects.	11
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 39 - Requiring execution of works of drainage, etc., in existing buildings	13
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 45 - Requiring defective closets to be put into repair	1
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47 - To provide and fix new W.C.	2
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 50 - To clear overflowing cesspool.	1
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 - Requiring the provision of a covered dustbin for house refuse	4
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 93 - Requiring the abatement of a nuisance.	

CLEAN AIR ACT

The following observations were made on factory chimneys during the year for excessive smoke:-

<u>Number of Observations</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
69	51	18

At the end of the report a table shows the analysis of matter collected in the Deposit Gauges.

SWIMMING POOLS

In the Basford Rural District, there are two open-air swimming pools:-

Stanford Hall, Swimming Pool,
Stanford-on-Soar

Calverton Lido, Woodborough.

Both pools are inspected and samples of water submitted for analysis(see Table page 27).

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

The Council has provided a number of lifebouys at dangerous sections of the Rivers Trent and Soar.

SALVAGE

The following materials were salvaged and sold to merchants in 1969:-

<u>Materials</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qrs</u>	<u>Lbs</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
Mixed Waste Paper	361	1	3	-	2896	19	9
Mixed Rags	-	4	2	-	3	-	9
Cottons	9	4	1	-	105	-	6
Tyres	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
	<u>370</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3010</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
1968	383	17	2	-	2518	-	9
1967	37	17	2	1	258	7	7
1966	41	-	1	20	162	12	3
1965	19	15	1	-	162	3	2

CESSPOOLS

The Council will remove two loads of 750 gallons each free of charge per year from private cesspools in the District, and subsequent loads on request at the rate of £1 per load or part load. Three cesspool emptying vehicles of maximum capacity of 750 gallons each are used on this service.

There are approximately 2,000 private houses and 150 Council houses in the district with cesspool drainage and 130 Council houses drained to small sewage works and emptied by the Council's vehicles. The following are details of the cesspool-emptying scheme for the year 1969:-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Free Loads</u>	<u>Chargeable</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	<u>Serviced</u>	<u>Removed</u>	<u>Loads</u> <u>Removed</u>	
Council Houses	85	97	160	342
Private Houses, etc	2115	2034	1340	5489
Sewers, manholes, etc	5	-	109	114
	<u>2205</u>	<u>2131</u>	<u>1609</u>	<u>5945</u>

CLOSET CONVERSIONS - Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47

The Council has resolved to provide an incentive to those owners who had not yet made conversions, by offering to pay one half of the expenses reasonably incurred, subject to the submission of an estimate, and the final account for inspection. As a result of this resolution, grants totalling £697 were made in respect of five conversions.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND FOOD

Food Premises

The following inspections have been made of food premises during the year:-

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Bakehouses	9
Butchers shops, vans, etc.,	170
Cafes and catering establishments	81
Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops	61
Greengrocers and Fishmongers	65
Grocers shops and vans	36
Food vans	26
Slaughterhouses	1849
Licensed Clubs	85
Knackers Yards	4
Food Hawkers vans	49
Other Food Premises	77
Ice Cream Premises	86

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959

<u>Number of Samples taken</u>	<u>Provisional Grade</u>			
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>
68	55	8	4	1

The recommended standard is that, over a six monthly period, 50 per cent. of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade I, 80 per cent. into Grades I or II, not more than 20 per cent. into Grade III and none into Grade IV.

In addition, 17 samples of lollipops were taken, of which 6 were reported as being unsatisfactory. Subsequent re-sampling showed satisfactory results.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (Section 16)

The number of premises registered under the above Act for the manufacture and/or sale of foodstuffs is as follows:-

Preparation and sale of fried fish and chips	22
Manufacture of heat-treated Ice Cream	-
Manufacture of complete cold-mix Ice Cream	2
Sale of Ice Cream	309
Manufacture of Sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	9

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Condemned Foodstuffs (other than fresh meat)

During 1969 various foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption, mainly due to the breakdown of refrigerators.

SLAUGHTERING AND MEAT INSPECTION

During 1969 the Council's Health Inspectors maintained a 100 per cent. meat inspection service. This has involved visiting the slaughterhouses in the early mornings and in the evenings outside normal office hours and also on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 require that all carcasses be inspected and stamped. An inspection fee is payable to the Council and £939. 16s. 6d. was received for the year ending 31st March 1970.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	2197	816	21	6529	9151	-
Number inspected	2197	816	21	6529	9151	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	3	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	343	82	-	216	150	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	15.7%	10%	-	3.0%	1.7%	-
Tuberculosis only. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	82	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.9%	-
Cysticercus. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-

Weight of Meat Condemned

<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Liver	4000	891	172	-	69 $\frac{1}{2}$	5132 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tongue	5	-	-	-	-	5
Lungs	54	17	4	-	21	96
Head	309	64	-	-	1331	1704
Plucks	22	-	603	-	349	974
Heart	6	-	-	-	3	9
Other	459	1	-	-	244 $\frac{1}{2}$	704 $\frac{1}{2}$
Udders	-	64	-	-	-	64
Carcases	-	-	180	-	1340	1520
TOTALS	4855	1037	959	-	3358	10209

The Inspectors paid 1849 visits to slaughterhouses and 170 to butchers vans etc. Notices were served to remedy unsatisfactory conditions, and a number of verbal warnings were given.

Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 - 1954

35 persons were licensed as slaughtermen under the provisions of the above acts.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Routine inspections were carried out by the Inspectors of food premises in the District to ensure that the highest standards of cleanliness were maintained.

A number of verbal warnings to staff were also given regarding unhygienic practices in food handling.

Notices were served on the owners of food premises to remedy unsatisfactory conditions.

The Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations.

	<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Ultra Heat</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>	<u>Untreated</u>
		<u>Treated</u>		
Samples obtained and submitted to prescribed tests	63	1	14	13
Satisfactory	63	1	14	12
Unsatisfactory	-	-	-	1

The one unsatisfactory sample failed the Methylene Blue Test. Appropriate action was taken in respect of this sample.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics for 1969

Number of houses erected during the year:-

(a)	(1)	By the Local Authority	176
	(2)	By other Local Authorities	-
	(3)	By other bodies or persons	-
(b)		Privately built	<u>456</u>
		Total number of houses erected	<u>632</u>

Rent Act, 1957

The following were dealt with during the year:-

Part I - Applications for Certificate of Disrepair

1.	Applications for Certificates	- Nil
2.	Decisions not to issue certificates	- Nil
3.	Decisions to issue (a) in respect of all defects	- Nil
	(b) in respect of some defects	- Nil
4.	Undertakings given by Landlords	- Nil
5.	Undertakings refused by Local Authority	- Nil
6.	Number of certificates issued	3

Part II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificate

7.	Landlord's application to L.A. for cancellation
8.	Objections by tenants to cancellation
9.	L.A. decision to cancel in spite of tenant's objection
10.	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority

Housing Act, 1957

	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Number of Standard Grants made in 1969 - 123	£16,871.13s.11d.
Number of Discretionary Grants	11 £2,944.10s. -d.

Houses Demolished during 1969

<u>In Clearance Areas</u>	<u>Number Demolished</u>	<u>Persons Displaced</u>	<u>Families Displaced</u>
Houses unfit for Human habitation	29	122	50
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>	2	88	35
Unfit houses closed during 1969	<u>Number Closed</u>	<u>Persons Displaced</u>	<u>Families Displaced</u>
Under Section 16(4),17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	6	18	7
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	1	-	1
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied After informal action by Local Authority.			
	By owner		102
After formal notice under Public Health Acts:-			12
After formal notice under Section 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	By owner		2
	By Local Authority		14
Unfit houses in temporary use			4

All cases of alleged overcrowding, brought to the notice of the Department, are investigated and where overcrowding of a house is confirmed, a report of the circumstances is sent to the Council's Housing Officer. Many cases investigated are not overcrowded as defined in Part IV of the Housing Act, 1957, although they are "socially overcrowded".

WATER

Mains water supply is provided for most of the Parishes of the Rural District by the City of Nottingham Water Department. The North-West Leicestershire Water Board has taken over the supply previously afforded by the Loughborough Corporation Water Department and now supplies four parishes in the southern part of the Rural District's area. Leicester Corporation supplies the Parish of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds.

Regular inspections were made of the two water supply systems in the Parish of Newstead, and of other sources of water, such as shallow wells and springs, where these are used for domestic supplies. Bacteriological examination of these sources of supply were made and appropriate action was taken when an unsatisfactory result was obtained (see Table below).

There are 5 houses in the Rural District without a piped water supply.

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Drinking water	41	31	10
Swimming Pools	6	6	-
Miscellaneous	3	2	1
	<u>50</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>11</u>

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following work has been carried out during the year by the Council's Public Health Inspectors:-

Statutory Notices requested under Public Health Acts 1936/61	30
Statutory Notices complied with	26
Statutory Notices requested under Housing Act, 1957	11
Statutory Notices complied with	2
Preliminary Notices served	236
Preliminary Notices complied with	239
Number of Council Houses inspected	69
Number of Council Houses with defects	1
Other houses inspected for defects	1459
Total number of inspections and re-inspections made for housing defects (excluding Council houses)	2663
Number of complaints received and investigated	366
Personal interviews with owners and agents	939
Number of samples of water taken for analysis	50

Disinfestation of Verminous Premises

The control and eradication of vermin and other pests is actively undertaken in this District.

The following are particulars of the number of houses disinfested during 1969:-

	<u>Number of houses disinfested for</u>		
	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Other Pests</u>	<u>Number of Visits</u>
Private houses	3	17	48
Council houses	-	-	5
Business Premises	-	1	3
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals	3	18	56
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

RODENT STATISTICS
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

TYPE OF PROPERTY

Non -Agricultural Agricultural

1. Number of Properties in District	24010	690
2. (a) Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	894	31
(b) Number Infested by (i) Rats	458	24
(ii) Mice	61	5
3. (a) Total Number of Properties Inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	137	36
(b) Number Infested by (i) Rats	27	11
(ii) Mice	1	-
Number of Poison Baits	4579	1336
Number of dead rats found	234	106

43 Block Control Schemes were carried out.

69 Wasp nests were destroyed.

No Notices were served, nor has any legal action been taken under the Act.

Test baiting of the sewers in all Parishes having manholes was carried out between April and June.

This was followed by treatment to the manholes showing infestation. As recommended by the Ministry, a further treatment to infested lengths will be carried out in the autumn of 1970.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

12 Premises are licensed under the above Act. Regular inspections are made to ensure that the premises are kept to the standard required.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Number of sites licensed	...	...	...	...	...	31
Number of visits to caravans and sites	...	...	...	...	...	253
Number of notices served requesting removal of vans...						91

Alterations and improvements are being carried out at a number of sites in accordance with the Model Standards. Co-operation with the County Fire Service is made for fire precautions.

PETROLEUM

Petroleum Acts, 1928 to 1936

Number of licences issued to store Petroleum during Licence year 1969	129
Number of licences issued to store Cellulose during Licence year 1969	2

All new underground tanks are subjected to a pressure test of 0lbs. per square inch before approval.

136 visits were made to existing installations and 14 to new installations during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

Factories Acts, 1961

Inspections have been carried out during the year at the following factories and workplaces:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory Premises</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Notices Complied with</u>
Factories with power	42	2	2	2
Factories without power	-	-	-	-
Other premises (in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Workplaces	-	-	-	-
Outworkers' premises	-	-	-	-

(1) Inspections made for purposes of Provisions as to Health

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
(a) Factories with Power not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	143	42
(b) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	11	1849
Totals	149	2115

(2) Cases in which Defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>	
Want of cleanliness	1 Found	1 Remedied
Overcrowding	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1 Remedied	1 referred by H.M. Inspector
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-
Totals =	1 Found	2 Remedied 1 Referred by H.M. Inspector

PERSONS EMPLOYED ON OUTWORK

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Number of out-workers in August</u> <u>list required by Section 110(1)(c)</u>
Wearing apparel, Making etc.,	43
Lace and Nets	8
Paper Bags	<u>3</u>
Totals	<u>54</u>

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The above Act came into force during 1964 and the following registrations were recorded in 1969:-

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general ins:
Offices	-	48	2
Retail Shops	1	130	3
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	7	5
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	31	4
Fuel storage depot	-	4	-
TOTALS	1	220	14

During the year two accidents were reported involving two women. Both accidents occurred at a Motorway Service Station, but investigation did not reveal any failure on the part of the employer.

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

<u>CLASS OF WORKPLACE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED</u>
Offices	383
Retail Shops	458
Wholesale departments, warehouses	202
Catering establishments open to the public	397
Fuel storage depots	8
Canteen	-
TOTALS	1448
Total Males	632
Total Females	816

